The fibriform smoke-modifying material suitably takes the form of a single, continuous, pre-formed fibriform element. Alternatively, in respect of the second aspect of the present invention the fibriform smoke-modifying material could be fed to and into contact with the particulate smoking material in the form of a sequence of discrete preformed fibriform elements. In the latter case each element, in the feed path of the elements, may be at each end thereof in contact with the respective ends of the next adjacent elements of the sequence thereof, or may be spaced therefrom.

In Figures 1 and 3 respectively reference numerals 9 and 10 designate generally feed means operable to feed pre-formed continuous fibriform element 13 to the making machine, which feed means 9, 10 comprise a pair of opposed feed rollers 11, 12. The feed roller 12 is a spring-loaded, non-driven roller, which roller applies a force to the element 13 without deforming the element 13. The feed roller 11 is driven by a servo motor (not shown). Feed rollers 11 and 12 draw the pre-formed continuous fibriform element 13 from a spool 14 upon which spool 14 the continuous element 13 is wound.

Marked-up copies of these two replacement paragraphs are enclosed for the Examiner's review.